

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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Blissful Spring Greetings!

Daffodils, forsythia, magnolia trees, wow! But you will want to tear your eyes away from all this (and it will be dark, anyway) at 7:30 pm, Monday, April 17th, for our program on framing. Our speaker and demonstrator, Andrew Bobeck, is a superb watercolor artist and photographer who has been awarded many prizes for his work. He also is one of the most distinguished former employees of Bell Telephone Laboratories (Telecordia), with 120 USA patents(!!!). Andy will talk and demonstrate planning, calculating, and fabricating a large double-matted painting—“Framing on a Shoestring”. You can also ask him questions about photography, as his awards included a Best in Show in the prestigious juried show at the NJ Center for Visual Arts. Andy is also curator of Gallery 52 in Chatham. Come, learn, enjoy! Our Hospitality Hostesses that night will be Mary Lou Guidudas and Geri Oldman. Thank you, Mary Lou and Geri! If two volunteers for the May 22nd meeting would care to phone President Linda Arnold at 908/647-3610, that would be great!

Our last meeting was ably presided over by DOUG AXMANN and we thank Doug for this, since Linda was on vacation. Charles Sundwall painted a portrait of our own Kathy Blair, and it was a memorable evening. THELMA CANTY has kindly volunteered to be the Chairwoman for our show at the Jewish Community Center in Bridgewater—and we are grateful for her help.

DEBBIE HUGHES tells us that there are still some seats available on our trip to NY City, the Metropolitan (Special-Queen Hatshepsut Exhibit) and

the Salmagundi (AWS Show) Sat, April 29th. Meet at the upper parking lot of the Somerset County Library (Vo-Tech School is there) 8:15, return home 6 ish. Restroom aboard, snacks coming home, great shows and camaraderie. A MUST-DO trip! Please send check made out to RVAA to Debbie, 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. More info? 908/725-4639.

Upcoming shows include the Art Show at Trinity United Church in Warren—please call (RVAA member) Kit Bebbington for details—732/356-3730, or email kitlink@verizon.net, and the Lamington Presbyterian Church Annual Invitational Art Show—May 2-May 6th (delivery April 28 and 29). For a prospectus, please call the church at 908/439-2629. New prizes are being offered this year.

A special exhibition of Margaret Bourke-White's photography (this, from RVAA member Gerry Goehring) is now at Rutgers University's Alexander Library, 169 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ. Phone 732/932-7505 for more information or directions, or go to www.libraries.rutgers.edu. The exhibit will be until May 31st, on the 1st and 2nd floors and is free.

The New American Gallery, www.newamgallery.com has just opened a new exhibit, "On the Road" displaying paintings by the gallery's 11 Featured Artists.

"Art in Nature" presently has a Preview Show at the Basking Ridge Environmental Center (The Great Swamp, Lord Stirling Road) and the finale weekend, with all the artists having exhibit spaces, plus refreshments, demonstrations, and guest musicians and animals, will be Saturday and Sunday, May 6th and 7th.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD has been painting on the Danube. What? Our President and her husband Dick river cruised from Vienna, Austria to Budapest, Hungary, and to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. In the ship's library there were available easels, brushes, Cotman watercolors, and really good watercolor paper. So after busy days exploring and photographing, Linda had the energy to paint, as well. Way to go, Linda!

The Bridgewater Arts Council Judged Exhibit is now over and the following RVAA members were given awards: Professional: First Place, to RON TOLLES for “Brown Trout’s Sparkling Pool’, 2nd to JOAN MCKINNEY for “The Window Box”, Honorable Mentions to SYLVIA GLESSMAN for “Prickley Tete-a-Tete and SUSAN FUREY for “Garden”. In the Non-professional category, First Place went to DONNA SOUREN for “Reading on the Beach in Harvey Cedars, 2nd to GERI OLDMAN for “Anniversary Bouquet” and Honorable Mentions to DORIS PECK for “Birches” and PAT BARNABEO for “Abstract Blue”.

DEBBIE TINTLE and DIANA PATTON demonstrated at Schreering-Plough in Madison April 8th for the April Arts Benefit sponsored by the Morris County Arts Council. They will also exhibit at the “Art in Nature” Show May 6th and 7th at the Basking Ridge Environmental Center (Great Swamp).

Spring is here; a busy time for shows. Your editor knows you’re out there painting and winning shows—time to tell me! Inquiring minds want to know!